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(Attorney Docket No. ACY33465-00 D1)

In re Application of:)	Appln. No.: 10/029,655
)	Confirmation No.: 5939
JEREMY I. LEVIN <i>et al.</i>)	Customer No.: 25291
)	Group Art Unit: 1625
Filed: 12/21/2001)	Examiner: Celia C. Chang
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For: ALKYNYL CONTAINING HYDROXAMIC)	
ACID COMPOUNDS AS MATRIX)	Paper No.: 5
METALLOPROTEINASE/TACE INHIBITORS)	

MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed February 26, 2003, please amend the above-referenced patent application pursuant to the following instructions and consider the remarks in a favorable light.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In accordance with the revised amendment format illustrated in the February 25, 2003 Official Gazette and the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amendment to the claims and a complete listing of all claims in the application begin on a separate sheet to facilitate separate indexing and electronic scanning of the document, if desired by the Office. Kindly amend the claims as highlighted therein.

The Examiner rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, and Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for reasons stated on page 2 of the Office action. While Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's comments, this amendment is being submitted for the better readability of the claims in order to obviate the rejections and to advance prosecution towards an early allowance.

Minor typographical or clerical errors appearing in the claims are also being corrected herewith. The amendment removes two periods, inserts *or* and inserts a semi-colon at the end of the R₇ definition in Claims 1, 4 and 6 plus adds a comma in Claim 2 in lieu of the first occurrence of "or."